# FARM AND HOUSE.

Attention, Farmers and Apiarists. It is a well known fact, to every person of experience, or any knowledge whatever, in bee culture, that the bee moth is the most formidable enemy of the honey bee. In this country its ravages have become so fatal, that the majority of cultivators have abandoned bee keeping in despair; while most of the contrivances devised against it, in the shape of patent bee hives, have proved worth-Office Report of 1853, there had been improvements in bee hives, to keep out the moth or miller, to the immense number of 9,800; but still the moth disturbs and destroys the bee. Thus we see that great men and great minds have been engaged in trying to secure the bee from the ravages of the moth. But it is not alone in our day and country, that the bee has suffered from the moth, for the bee moth ( Tinea Mellanetta) is chronicled in the classical page of Aristotle, Virgil, Columello and other ancient authors, as the first the greatest and most fatal enemy of the honey bee.

The moth is of a dark greyish color, and there are two broods of them produced during the year. Those who have closely studied their habits are aware that the first brood begins to appear about the middle of April and up to the middle of May; and the second during the month of August. They are seldom seen on the wing until towards dark, when they may be seen hovering about the bee hive, endeavoring to gain an entrance. The bees, in the meantime, having an instinctive knowledge that their worst enemy is about, guard the entrance of the hive against their intrusion, and may be seen acting as vigilant sentinels, performing continual rounds near the roads are much more used than at this important post. The moths are more than aware of the guards and sentinels placed around the hives, and hence in their predatory excursions always assail the weak hives, or where there are few or no sentinels on the watch. "She will," says a learned author, "pass by other colonies to get at a queenless one, as if aware that she will find it in the best condition for developing her young." And thus the strongest colonies are the safest from attack, while the weaker fall a prey to her ravages. Doubtless many of you have seen and noticed this time and again in your api-

There is no congeniality between two enemies so destructive and deadly to each other as the bee and the moth. They are known as enemies to each other. In short, the moth dislikes the bee as much as the bee dialikes the moth, and when the moth enters a bee hive, a conflict at once ensues; one or the other is overcome and subjugated by the superior power of the other. Thus we at once see that the moth never enters a bee hive for the purpose of making a home with the bee, or living with the bee. No, far from it. The moth enters the bee hive, like the thief enters the abode of his victim, to seize, plunder, and rob the bee of its faithful labor and winter store. Thus we arrive at the sequel, the object of this contribudeposit her eggs in some other place the most succesful apiarians in the world, to pronounce all patent bee hives a failhad patented hive after hive, improve- cret of success .- [Rural World. ment after improvement, all failed to keep the moth from the bee entirely and butter milk, half a cup of butter, a tea-exclusively. And after all the efforts, long researches, experiments and a catalogue of inventions to attain this one roady some dried apples stewed; butter object, we are pleased to learn byond a large basin, and put a layer of apples, doubt that one, an afiliarian in East then another layer of batter and so until the dish is full. Set it into a kettle of Pennsylvania , has been able like the boiling water, and steam it an hour and

Bolt County Sentinel, troyer to enter it and deposit her eggs, & than is afforded by the bee hive. There it finds no bees to obstruct its progress; no mail clad warriors, with poisoned lances, in ambush waiting for its destruction. But its habits have been studied, and an abode provided for it, far better and more suitable to its taste, than the hive swarming with its natural enemies. The success of the trap is perfect, as Holt County Sentine any one can see on examining one of them at the proper season, when thousands, yes, millions of maggots, the offspring of the moth, are found thronging its apartments, where they can be destroyed with great facility. One or two traps among fifty or a hundred hives, less, and not a few have aided its nefa- are sufficient for their complete protecrious designs. According to the Patent tion. The universal attention of bee growers is called to this most useful invention, which affords the only safe guard for the bee in the known world.

> [A model of said trap can be seen and examined at this office by those who may desire to see it .- ED. ]

Repairing Roads.

Among the burdens thrown upon the opulation of rural districts is the yeary or semi-yearly repairing of roads or ighways. It is a work in which all farmers are interested, as well as the strangers who may have occasion to pass through the country. Each year the pathmaster is around with a book in which the name of each owner or occuant of land is inserted, and against that name is placed a certain amount of work to be done on the highway. This is as it should be. Roads ought to be repaired; but the way the work is generally done results in little improvement to the roads, and in correspondingly small benefit to those from whom the labor is exacted or the public at large. The customary method of repairing is to plow along the sides of the roadway and scrape the loosened soil upon it, thus making a pike composed of equal parts of loam and sod. During the dry weather of summer and early autumn, this process answers very well, but when the wet months of autumn, winter, and spring prevails, the roadway is little else than a sea of mud. Now, it so happens that during the spring and fall months any other season, except it be in winter when sleighing is good. Hence, when good roads are wanted they are not to e had; but when not in much demand PAMPHLETS. they are comparatively good. This is, PAMPHLETS. perhaps, in a measure, unavoidable, but PAMPHLETS, vere the labor expended on roads judiciusly applied each year, they would be in a much better condition for use than they can be while the common method of repairing them is adhered to. To make a good roadway-one that cannot be converted into a quagmire with every considerable fail of rest the surface earth or leam should be removed from, not piled up or piked upon it. This would PROGRAMMES, leave, in most cases, a hard foundation and, with the sides of the roadbed properly trenched, the rainy months of autumn and spring would have but comparatively little influence upon it. The surface carte or loam could be readily deposited in low places on adjoining farms or thrown upon the banks along CIRCULARS, the highway. This would, as a roadmaking process, be rather slow, but pur- CIRCULARS, sued for a few years, the results would be comparatively good roads at a greatly reduced annual expense to those upon whom their repair and keeping up devolves .- [ Moore's Rural New Yorker.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR LAMBS .-- The enderest grass is best for lambs. Hence old pastures that have lain idle a week or two, are usually selected. In seperating lambs, these pastures should be kept for them, especially if they have been accustomed to be in them. This makes them more familiar and satisfied. The sheep must not be within call of the lambs; and the fence must be tight so as to bar all egress. A little salt, tion. And now it is only necessary for with a pinch of oat meal, may be given the apiarian to offer the same induce- them daily. This will make them more ments to the moth that the bee offers, to contented, and enable them to grow and become strong. Especially should this than the hives, and her fear of the bees the season is advanced. Shelter is as will insure them from her ravages. It necessary as food to their improvement was a knowledge of this fact, that in- and health. Be careful of your lambs duced Quimby and Laugstroth, two of in the late cold rains, Accustom them to shelter, and pet them. This, in con-nection with good feed, will pay good to pronounce all patent bee hives a fail- interest in wool, as well as in carcass ure in this one object, even after they and propagation. It is, indeed the se-

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